

1                   DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: Mr. Chairman, I might just  
2 say to begin with that I would reject Delegate Boileau's  
3 comment that advocating a 5 per cent would be, or was meant  
4 as a check on the legislature.

5                   I do not think that 5 per cent would be in any  
6 way a misuse of referendum, but I think that 3 per cent  
7 would, I consider myself a strong defender and advocate of  
8 direct legislation. As a matter of fact, I shortly will  
9 join in a minority report supporting direct initiative,  
10 which is a companion piece of direct legislation. But I  
11 think that 5 per cent puts a real premium on sincere citizen  
12 concern, rather than on fast organization, and that a  
13 lower 3 per cent with lobbyists representing special  
14 economic groups subvert the will of the people, as  
15 exhibited through their elected representatives.

16                   I think that the Committee has already been  
17 generous in allowing more time to gather signatures than  
18 is presently allowed, or may presently be allowed in the  
19 1867 Constitution. I think that this is an indication of  
20 the Committee's attempt to relax restrictions, and in  
21 short, I think that the lowering of the percentage to 3